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Compositions With Reduced  
Hydrogen Sulfide Emission§  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 20, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 20, 2006, Applicants file this Amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time on September 15, 2006, and respectfully request allowance of the claims based on that discussion and the following.

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